NATURAL NEWS

The Field Museum
Exploring
The Earth And Its
People

May 31, 1996

IS YOUR METER A REALLY BIG EATER?

HAVE YOU GOTTEN *TOO MUCH* EXCERCISE RUNNING OUT TO FEED IT?

SOME ONE IS LISTENING!

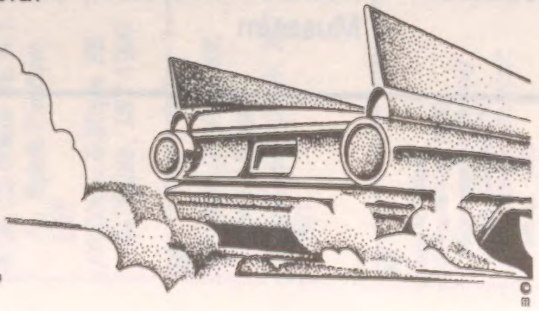
GOOD NEWS!

PARKING PASSES ON SALE NOW!

The Museum has arranged for a quantity of fifty reduced-rate monthly parking passes for the Soldier Field lots to go on sale today! These passes will normally cost $40 per month, but ***June passes will be sold for just $30 per month*** as those staff who hear about the monthly passes during the first week in June may not get the full month's benefit. Parking in the west and north lots will continue as is until we lose the north lot to the Lake Shore Drive relocation project later in the year.

Beginning today, the monthly passes will be on sale at the north entrance cashier's stations. The cashiers are your fellow employees, so please be considerate -- especially now during the tourist season -- and make your purchases during the non-peak hours of 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. or 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. Staff from the Shedd Aquarium will also be purchasing their monthly passes at The Field.

When the Museum learned that the relocation project would result in the loss of the north lot, the administration began working to ameliorate the problems caused by the loss of our free parking. The reduced-rate passes are the fruition of this effort. However, in the period of June - December,



the Park District will sell these reduced-rate passes to the Museum only in lots of fifty. Based on our informal survey, we believe that this will be adequate, but once the fifty are gone we will not purchase more until the next month. Of course, if the demand is so overwhelming that it would justify a purchase of 100 passes, the Museum would consider purchasing that quantity for the next month. In the unlikely event that only a few passes are sold, the purchase of these reduced-rate passes will be discontinued altogether.

You may share your pass -- we hope this encourages car pooling! The passes are designed to be hung from your rear view mirror and can be transferred easily from car to car. **Ron Cundiff,** head of Security, has volunteered to keep a list of people looking for someone to share with, so give him a call if you are in that category. You can reach Ron at x856, Sunday through Thursday. And if you have any further questions or comments about the parking issue, Ron is the man to call.

The last of the series:

The Nuveen Forum at The Field Museum

THE PACKAGING OF CULTURE

Tuesday, June 4, 1996, 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Registration and Exhibit Review, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
(Refreshments available)

Conversation 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. in Montgomery Ward Hall

This conversation considers how museums, other cultural institutions, and the media educate the public about culture. The panelists and the audience are asked to think about how we can improve dialogue, effective ways to communicate knowledge and the obstacles that confront us as we work toward a tolerant society. Participants on this panel will include our conversation partners and other conversation leaders.

Leaders: Michael Silverstein, University of Chicago; **Jessie Thymes**, The Field Museum

June 1996

Museum Wide Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2 12:00am-12:00pm Ray Block Productions, JST	3 6:00-11:00pm SE IL Mycological Assc., LH1	4 8:00am Set up for 6/5 event SFH 2:00-4:00pm Centennial Club Event 5:00-9:00pm Nuveen Forum: The Packaging of Culture	5 7:00am SE People Magazine, EFM 1300, Mus clsose 3pm	6 8:00am-12:00pm SE Kids are People 2, JST 6:00-8:00pm AFC, LH2 7:00-10:00pm SE Beltone Elect, SFH, BAL 1000	7 5:45pm-9:00am ED Group Overnight, EFM 6:00-9:00pm SE Kelly H.S., JST, 1000	8 8:00am-4:30pm Vol Mting,LH2 9:00am-12:00pm SE Harper H. S. Grad., JST 4:00-7:00pm SE Les Finch Grad., 6:30-9:30pm SE Masonic Newsletter, SFH
9	10 6:30-10:00pm SE Camera Club, LHII 7:00pm-12:00am SE IIDA, JST, SFH 1000+ 7:00-10:00pm SE Prim Art, LHI	11 6:00-9:00pm DEV Stewardship Dinner, Fders' Rm	12 Campaign Private Showing 8:00am-12:00pm SE Kids are People 2, JST	13 5:30-8:30pm SE Center for New Horizons, JST	14 6:00-10:00pm SE Assoc Bookseller for Children, SFH 700 6:00-9:00pm SE Kelly H.S. Graduation, JST 900 7:00pm Family Behind the Scenes	15 8:00am-2:00pm ED P.I.P. , LHI 8:00am-4:30pm Vol Tr Spiders Exh, LH2 4:30-6:30pm SE In Spirit Product, JST 900 7:00pm-1:00am SE Glenbrook Hosp, SFH, Bal 700
16 8:00-12:00am SE N.I. N. Spirit Product, JST 10:00am-6:30pm SE In Spirit, JST 1900	17 7:00-10:00pm SE Chgo Ornithogical Society, LHII 7:00-9:00pm SE Chicago Park District, SFH	18 9:00am-12:30pm SE Kids R. People 2, JST 6:30-10:30pm SE Ohio Delegation, SFH/BAL	19 5:30-8:00pm Members Preview - Spiders	20 5:30-8:00pm Members Preview - Spiders	21 9:00am-4:00pm Spiders Teen Training, LH2	22 6:00-11:00pm SE Henning/Tanner wedding reception 300
23 10:00am-3:00pm SE International Academy Grad, JST 900	24	25	26 SE Nat'l Bus. Products, SFH (T) Evening 9:00am-12:00pm FM Board of Trustees, LH2 7:00-10:00pm SE Chgo Herp Soc, LHI	27 9:00am-9:00pm Japanese Chamber of Com & Ind of Chgo, DAY/EVE	28 Taste of Chgo. 9:00am-5:00pm DEV JCCC Festival, LH1 5:30-8:30pm SE United Stationers, SFH 500	29 Taste of Chgo. From the Good Earth Exh. Opens 9:00am-7:00pm Malacological, LHI,II 9:00am-4:30pm JCCC, LHI, JST
30 Taste of Chgo. 8:00am-5:00pm ZOOL Malacological Meeting/ CEBB, LHI&II,JST 9:00am-5:00pm DEV JCCC Festival DAY						

5/29/1996

"BOOK-ABLE" SPACES IN FIELD MUSEUM
1/6/95

SPACE	LOC	MAX	USE	SCHEDULE BY	CONTACT	EXT.	
Classroom 1	GF	50	I P	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Classroom 2	GF	40	I P	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Classroom 3	GF	30	I P	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Classroom 4	2nd	40	I P	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Conf. Room 1	GF	20	I	Spec. Events	Special Ev. Sec'y	864	
Dining Room A	GF	16	I	Spec. Events	Special Ev. Sec'y	864	
Dining Room B	GF	4	I S	Spec. Events	Special Ev. Sec'y	864	
Dining Room C	GF	6	I S	Spec. Events	Special Ev. Sec'y	864	
Dining Room C/D	GF	20	I S	Spec. Events	Special Ev. Sec'y	864	
Dining Room D	GF	12	I S	Spec. Events	Special Ev. Sec'y	864	
Dining Room E	GF	75	I P S	Spec. Events	Special Ev. Sec'y	864	
D&P Conf. Room	4th	10	I	Exhibits	Jessica Newman	329	
Educ. Conf. Room	GF	14	I S	Education	Clara Aytch-Baker	247	
Developers Conf. Rm.	4th	8	I	Exhibits	Jessica Newman	329	
Founder's Room	1st	100	I S	Tours	Dorothy Roder	862	Restricted use
Montgomery Ward H.	GF	150	I P S	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Lecture Hall II	GF	75	I P S	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Picnic East (Sch)	GF	320	P S	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Picnic West (Pub)	GF	125	P S	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Rice Center	1st		P S	Spec. Events	Special Ev. Sec'y	864	
Simpson Theatre	GF	1000	I P S	Spec. Events	Special Ev. Sec'y	864	
Zoology Clrm.	3rd	50	I	Zoology	Norann Miller	255	
Webber Resource	1st	35	P S	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Maori Meeting House	2nd	35	P S	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Pawnee Earth Lodge	1st	35	P S	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Place for Wonder	1st	35	P S	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Stanley Field Hall	1st	35	I P S	Spec. Events	Special Ev. Sec'y	864	
EXHIBIT HALL: Permanent Exhibits			P S	Spec. Events	Carol Konieczny	218	} Exhibits Dept.
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I = Internal (meetings, etc.)
P = Public (Programs, Classes, etc.)
S = Special Events

THE VOLUNTEER SPECTATOR

Please welcome new volunteer staff who began in May:

Jill Adams, Department of Education, Spiders!
Mario Ambrosino, Division of Invertebrates, John Slapcinsky
Cynthia Clendenan, Division of Mammals, Bill Stanley
Elaine Hirsch, Department of Education, Spiders!
Spring Maleckar, Division of Mammals, Bill Stanley
Daniel Nolan, Department of Geology, Clarita Nunez
Michael Sauer, Department of Education, Overnights and Spiders!
Shanteka Sigers, Department of Education, Spiders!
Kathryn Stano, Department of Education, Spiders!
Maureen Velez, Department of Education, Spiders!
Carl Wright, Department of Education, Spiders!
Yenli Yeh, Division of Insects, Alfred Newton

Thank you!

The students in the Chicago Board of Education/Field Museum High School Museology Program, and Museology Program coordinator **Mary Ann Bloom**, would like to thank all the staff and volunteers who participated in the program this year. Your cooperation, time and interesting presentations made the course a very enriching one for the students. - Submitted by Mary Ann Bloom

DEPARTURE

On Friday, May 31, **Leo Schwartz** will be leaving his position as Manager of The Field Museum's Campaign office. Leo will be seeking other employment opportunities, and we wish him great success in his future career plans. We also thank him for his work in launching The Field Museum's $60 million Campaign.

Willard E. White, Vice President for Institutional Advancement

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The *Natural News* is edited by **Carolyn Klyce** in the President's Office. The deadline for all submissions -- in WordPerfect on floppy disk or via email to klyce@fmppr.fmnh.org -- is Tuesday at noon. Printed on recycled paper.

NOON BALLOON

The Noon Balloon presentation for Tuesday, May 28, 1996 was delivered by **Lance Grande,** Curator, Fossil Fishes, Department of Geology, The Field Museum. Lance discussed his joint work with **W. Bemis,** Research Associate, Geology and, University of Massachusetts on the phylogeny of the ray-finned fishes, Amiidae, and their relationships within the Halecomorph fishes. The group includes more than 100 named fossil species and a single extant species. All Halecomorph fishes share the derived condition of a double jaw articulation. The earliest occurrence of the group is from an early Triassic formation (225 mya) in Madagascar. Detailed comparative developmental data were obtained from nearly 1,000 reared specimens of the extant species from the Mississippi River. These data allowed them to assess variability and to recognize rare anomalies. Lance described several different specimen preparation techniques and provided exemplar material of each. His discussion of their data analyses focused on broader questions such as "total evidence," "taxonomic congruence" and the use of fossil taxa. He concluded with a biogeographic analysis focused on the likely distribution of the group in the early Cretaceous (118 mya).

NOTE: The Noon Balloon series will be suspended during the summer interval, June 4 through the end of August. Presentations will resume the first Tuesday in September.

ATTENTION: Watch your Inter-Office mail. Next week you will be receiving information about the Museum's retirement program. Please contact the Personnel Office if you have any questions.

SECURITY ENHANCED FOR PRINCESS DI'S JUNE 5 VISIT

Britain's Princess Diana will be the guest of honor at a gala fundraiser in Stanley Field Hall on the evening of June 5. The event, sponsored by *People Magazine*, has created a great deal of public and media interest. It also brings its own security concerns. Because of these concerns, we will be instituting tighter access control procedures, beginning in the afternoon:

- Museum staff will not be permitted on the first or second floor after 5:00 p.m. unless working on the event, or leaving through the north or south doors.
- All exiting after 5:30 p.m. must be through the west entrance, even if the north and south doors remain open.
- Staff working on the 3rd and 4th floors after 5:00 p.m. should use only the north elevator.
- Any staff member who plans to come into the Museum after 5:00 p.m. to begin work (except regularly assigned evening shift staff) should avoid doing so unless absolutely necessary. Anyone who must work will have to use the north elevator for access to the upper floors.
- All staff members working in the building **must** wear their Museum identification badge. We will have additional security screening procedures in place before and during the event.

- **Ron Cundiff,** Security